

REPORT OF VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION – HOSPICE

VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity is entering its 61st year as a health care provider in this region. We have over 70 employees and many wonderful volunteers who work as a team to provide quality home health and hospice care to residents of Alton, Brookfield, Effingham, Freedom, Moultonboro, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. We are a not-for-profit Agency, governed by local residents and licensed by the State of New Hampshire. Our home health and our hospice care programs are Medicare Certified.

We are privileged to provide the residents of Alton with services from all three of our programs during the last year. The Agency's staff made a total 30,699 visits during the year. Of those visits 4,649 were made to Alton residents. This included 3,524 home care visits, 286 hospice care visits and 565 maternal child health visits.

Home care has changed little over the years. Today we will sometimes use a small monitor that is put into a patient's home to check his/her blood pressure, pulse, oxygen levels and other vital statistics as necessary. The nurse follows up on any abnormal reading via a phone call. The nurse can then make arrangements for an unscheduled visit or they can notify the physician if necessary. This system allows us to monitor a patient seven days a week, but it does not replace our "routine" visits to the home.

VNA-Hospice is a member of the National Association of Home Care, National Association of Hospice and Palliative Care, the Home Care Association of New Hampshire and the Rural Home Care Association in Concord, NH. We actively collaborate with other health care agencies in the region, trying to find ways to meet your health care needs. This continues to be a fiscal challenge as Federal, State and private insurance providers try to limit the amount of money spent on health care. The home health care industry will continue to grow as it is a cost effective way of providing quality health care, and it is often the best place for homebound patients to receive care.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us to provide you with your home health care services.

Respectfully Submitted,

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